

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are allowed by the Notice of Allowance dated March 27, 2006. The issue fee is due June 27, 2006, and is paid concurrently herewith.

Upon reviewing the allowed claims as amended by the Examiner, an error was detected. The present amendment to claim 4 deletes the word "including" after "wherein" as superfluous. Applicants submit this amendment does not impact the scope of the claims.

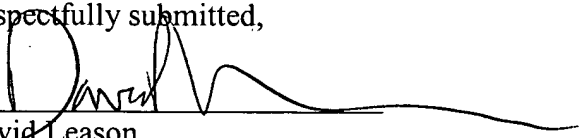
Two errors were also detected in the Examiner's amendments to claim 20. The word "or" has been added to the preamble of claim 20 so that the claim recites "one or more machines." Additionally, claim 20 recites "the an automated medication preparation system." The word "an" has been deleted as superfluous because the preceding "wherein" clause added by the Examiner's amendment provides an antecedent basis for "an automated medication preparation system." Applicants submit this amendment does not impact the scope of the claims.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 04-0100 referencing docket no. 03496/000K020-US0.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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